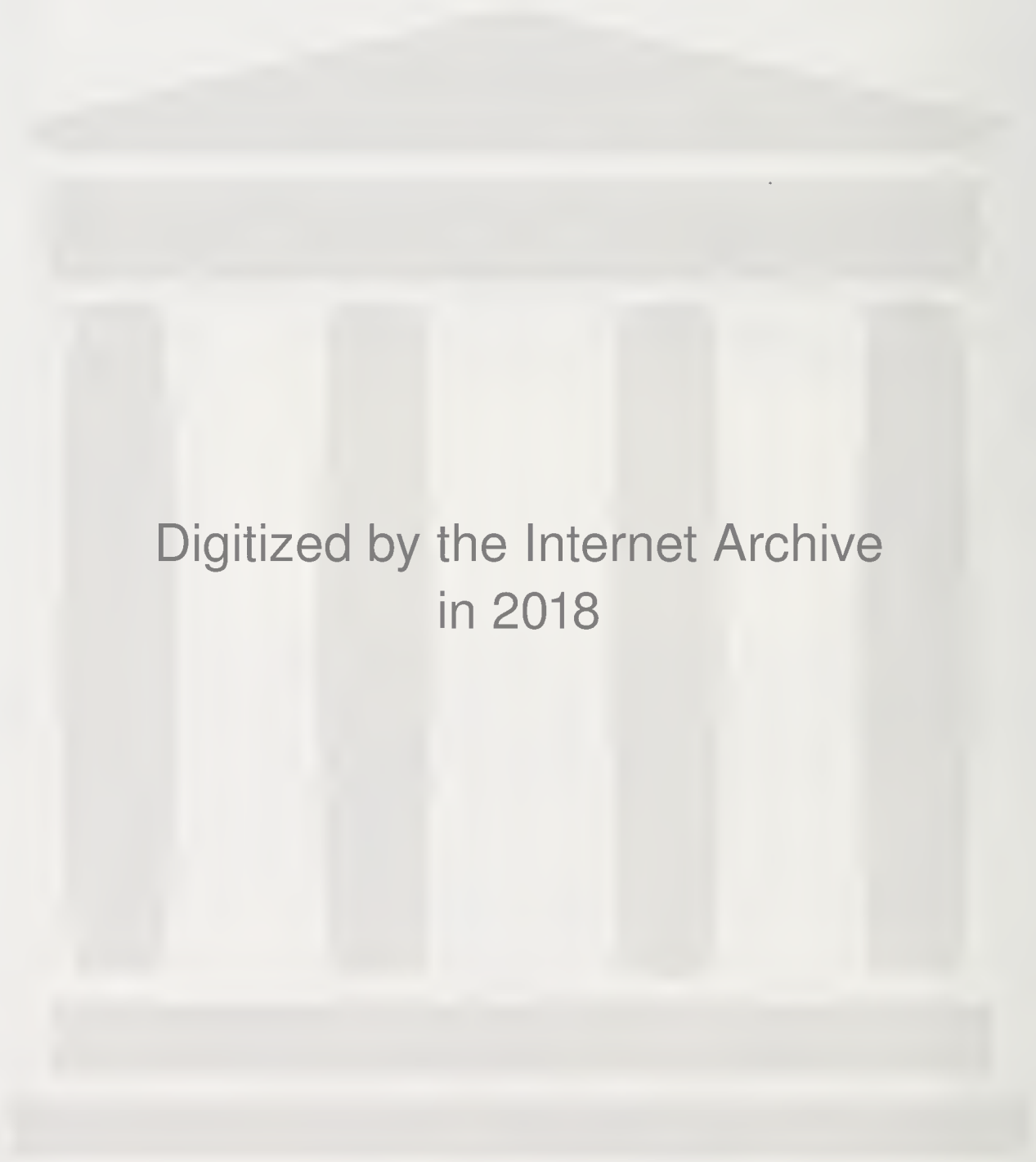




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A Genealogy of the Blossom Family

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A GENEALOGY OF
THE BLOSSOM FAMILY

From 1580 - 1932

For Brooks H Blossom

Dedicated to all of the Blossom Descendants

Compiled and written by

OMAR H. BLOSSOM

From 1930 to 1932

Marion, Indiana

Acknowledging the help given by Mrs. Helen Blossom of Decatur, Indiana and Mr. Edwin Stockin of Concord, New Hampshire; and all others who contributed their part to make this history as complete and accurate as possible. However, there may be a few errors, and some part of the history is not complete.



The house in the foreground was the home of Ansel Blossom at Monmouth, Maine before he came out to Indiana in 1822 and entered a tract of land on the East bank of the St. Mary's river just across from Willshire, Ohio.

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ANSEL BLOSSOM
1778 - 1850

SONS STARTING IN ENGLAND IN 1580.

1. Thomas Blossom (1580-1632)
 2. Peter Blossom (1630-1706)
 (3) Joseph Blossom (1673-1749)
 (4) Joseph Blossom, Jr. (1703-)
 (5) Captain James Blossom (1731-)
 (6) Ansel Blossom (1778-1850)
 (7) Matthias Smith Blossom (1804-)
 (8) Robert, Ansel, Albert, Charles, Miles, Bertha and Mary.
 (7) Horatio Blossom (1805-)
 (7) Benjamin Franklin Blossom (1806-1875)
 (8) Thomas Jefferson, Ira Allen, Lyman Rugg, John Monroe, James Madison, Jeremiah Ansel, Sarah Elizabeth, Mary Catherine, Eliza Jane, Leona Indiana, Clara Loretta, Benjamin Franklin, Mercy Ann, and one other died very young.
 (7) Edward Blossom (1808-1860)
 (8) Catherine
 (7) Joseph Blossom (1809-)
 (7) Ira A. Blossom (1814-1855)
 (8) Andrew Ansel (1851-1913)
 (7) Cyrus Blossom (1816-)
 (8) Heirs unknown if any.
 (7) James M. Blossom (1818-1891)
 (8) Robert, and others.
 (7) John Chandler Blossom (1821-1885)
 (8) Benjamin Franklin, William, Miles, Frederick, Emma Jane, John, Charles, Jesse, Nancy Elizabeth.
 (7) Bertha Blossom (1822-)
 (8) Heirs unknown if any.
 (7) Mary Blossom (After 1822)
 (8) Heirs unknown if any.

The figures in parentheses mean the generations.

The Blossom family has a wonderful historic background, since the genealogy of this noble and patriotic family can be traced back to the Plymouth church at Leyden, Holland through our first known ancestor, Thomas Blossom who was a leader of the above named church in Holland.

This family is of purely English descent, having come from Plymouth, England at the time of the Pilgrim emigration to America, and no doubt this name could be traced back through the entire history of the English Nation, to the time when Caesar invaded the British Isles in 55 B. C.

Our first known ancestor, Thomas Blossom was a friend of Pastor John Robinson, Governor Bradford and Elder Brewster who was the first deacon of the church at Plymouth, England and these are familiar names in early colonial history.

From good authority, I find that two brothers of which Thomas Blossom was one, and at least one sister and their families were on the Speedwell when she started out with the Mayflower in 1620. The Speedwell, however, sprang a leak and those on board were compelled to return to England. Later Thomas Blossom started again for America and landed on Plymouth Rock in 1629.

He was one of the most prominent of the Plymouth Pilgrims and soon became one of the deacons of the early church and so remained until his death in 1632. On Page four you will note that the descendant of Deacon Thomas Blossom in the fifth generation is James Blossom who became a Captain in the Revolutionary War and won high military distinction. After the war he went to the state of Maine, and settled in what is now the town of Monmouth, and we are all descendants from this Captain James Blossom.

The fact that we have among our ancestors a lineal descendant from a Plymouth Pilgrim and a Captain of the Revolutionary War is a highly prized distinction and connects us up with the early religious movements of this country and its educational history as well as the establishment of the American Independence and the preservation of the Republic during the days of the Civil War. We may look with pride, moreover, to the participation of some members of this present generation in the Spanish American War and the World War.

This Captain James Blossom, was a direct descendant

in the fifth generation from Deacon Thomas Blossom. He, Captain James Blossom, had a son by the name of Ansel Blossom, of the sixth generation, who was the writer's great-grandfather.

No doubt this Captain James Blossom had other children, but we who are the direct descendants from Ansel Blossom may at least say that our history starts with Deacon Thomas Blossom as the first generation, and goes on down successively to the eighth generation as shown on page four.

Ansel Blossom was born at Cape Cod, Kennebeck County, Maine in 1778. About 1803 he married Miss Mercy Ladd of Red Bank, New Hampshire. To this union were born nine sons and two daughters. While living in Maine, Ansel taught school for a living. In 1822 he emigrated with his family to the West and entered and settled on a tract of land on the east bank of the St. Mary's river just across from Willshire, Ohio.

The family grew up here and its members married and did their share toward developing this new country. Not one of this family remains today—but we as descendants of Ansel Blossom are his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and possibly great-great-grandchildren.

Ansel was a typical pioneer and faced the conditions, struggled with the difficulties, and endured the hardships of a new and undeveloped country with as much courage and credit as any of his fellow citizens of that time. He filled his place in the rude society and bent his energies toward the improvement and the raising of his family. He was the first Justice of the Peace and performed the first marriage ceremony in the township.

His wife Mercy, died in 1848, and Ansel in 1850. They are buried in the Willshire cemetery where their graves may be seen today.

Matthias Smith Blossom who was the oldest son of Ansel Blossom, was born in Maine in 1804. He was a shoe-maker by trade and lived and was buried in Miamisburg, Ohio after coming west with his father. He had five sons and two daughters. The two oldest sons, Robert and Ansel, went to California about 1849 during the gold rush. They entered the gold mines and went through all the vicissitudes and rough experiences of that early day in California.

After leaving the mines Robert became the owner of a large ranch at Red Bluff, California, and lived there the re-

mainder of his life. He and his wife are buried there. He had one son and two daughters who grew to maturity. The son Edward J. Blossom, who has a son, is quite a successful business man in and about Red Bluff and Eureka, California. The one daughter, Mary Robert Blossom Davidson, who was born in Red Bluff, now resides at Berkeley, California, where she is Associate Dean of Women of the University of California. She has a son, Charles Sprecher Davidson, who is now a senior in the same university. The other daughter, Elizabeth Blossom Knox, lives in London, England. She has a son, N. Booth Knox, who is a graduate of Stanford University.

The second son of Matthias S. Blossom, Ansel, after leaving the gold mines went to Battle Mountain, Nevada, and became Postmaster, owned and operated a ranch close to the town, owned a dry goods store and had controlling interest in several silver mines. From the best information at hand, he had a son, Robert Blossom, cousin to Edward J. Blossom, and after the division of the ranch interests of their fathers, Robert, Sr. and Ansel, Robert, Jr. sold out, bought a large ranch, and now lives at Santa Cruz, California. From these two sons of Matthias Blossom, Robert Sr. and Ansel, came all our first relatives in California and Nevada.

Of the other three sons of Matthias S. Blossom, Albert was a practicing physician some place in Ohio. The other two sons, Charles and Miles, were the joint editors and publishers of the Miamisburg, Ohio, Bulletin, a paper largely devoted to the tobacco industry in southern Ohio. Albert never married, but Charles has a daughter living in the above named city, and the wife of Miles lived there also. From these families, therefore, there are likely some other descendants of the Blossoms in southern Ohio.

Of the two daughters of Matthias Blossom, Bertha and Mary, one married a man by the name of Bell and the other a man named Keiser, who has a son by the name of George Keiser of New York City. The families of these two daughters moved into the Middle-West, probably into the state of Iowa.

Of Horatio, the second son of Ansel Blossom, nothing is known. He is supposed to have died when quite young.

The third son of Ansel Blossom was Benjamin Frank-

lin, who was born in Maine in 1806 and died in Decatur, Indiana in 1875.

In 1836 he entered a large tract of land about a mile north of Decatur, just across the St. Mary's river on the Ft. Wayne road. He opened up a farm there and raised his family of fourteen children and one step-son, James Browning. Ten of his children grew to maturity, were married and had families.

He was first married to Mary Hashaw in 1837. There were born to this union his two oldest children, Thomas Jefferson, who was born in 1838 and died in 1840, and Ira Allen. The mother of these two sons was born in 1800 and died in 1840. His second marriage was to Nancy Ann Ball Browning in 1841, who was born in 1820 and died in 1869. To this union were born twelve children: Lyman Rugg, John Monroe, James Madison (who lived to the age of nine) Jeremiah Ansel, Sarah Elizabeth, Mary Catherine, Eliza Jane, Leone Indiana (who died in infancy), Clara Loretta, Benjamin Franklin, and Mercy Ann, and one other child (which died very young). He provided for this large family and educated them to be good law-abiding citizens. Three of his sons: Ira, Lyman and Monroe, and his step-son, James Browning were all in the Union Army at the same time, two of them serving four years and a half. Living at the time of the Civil War when political lines were very closely drawn, the father and the sons were very positive and outspoken in what they believed, thereby creating some bitter enemies and at the same time some very staunch friends. Benjamin Franklin was postmaster at Decatur from 1869 to 1875, and his son Ansel from 1875 to 1881 and his grandson Lewis A. Graham was appointed postmaster in 1927, and is serving in his second term. Benjamin Franklin's son Lyman, likewise was village postmaster at Monmouth at one time.

In general, we may surely say, this family endured the vicissitudes and hardships of a new country and helped to make the early history of Adams County and Decatur, Indiana.

The individual histories of the sons and daughters of Benjamin Franklin Blossom and their descendants will follow in chronological order as furnished by some member of each family.

IRA ALLEN BLOSSOM

Captain Ira A. Blossom, Decatur business man and Civil War Veteran was born in Adams County, Indiana, February 19, 1840 and died August 6, 1893.

He enlisted in the army with the 47th regiment Indiana Volunteers, Company C. He re-enlisted December 15th, 1863.

He participated in the battle of Champion Hill and was wounded in the right arm May 16th, 1863. He was in engagements during the Vicksburg campaign and was in the Banks expedition and retreat from Alexandria to the Mississippi River. He was among the contestants at Ft. Spanish and Blakely and Mobile, Ala.

For personal bravery he was promoted to Captain on April 9, 1865.

On April 1, 1866 he was united in marriage to Miss Helen M. Bobo, to who eight children were born, five of whom preceded the father in death.

Florence M. Blossom, born January 18, 1867.

Almira A. Blossom, born November 12, 1868.

John Rollin Blossom, born May 23, 1870.

Miles Townsend Blossom, born January 18, 1873.

Grace Blossom, born September 22, 1876.

(All of whom are dead.)

The following three children still survive:

Jessie Blossom Frye, born October 20, 1878.

Edith Blossom Bremerkamp (oprator) born June 30, 1881.

Richard Ira Blossom, florist and interior decorator, born May 16, 1886.

Jessie Blossom Frye was married to Noah W. Frye October 15, 1910.

Edith Blossom Bremerkamp was married to Ansel H. Bremerkamp, a miller by trade, June 28, 1905. To this union were born two children:

Helen Barbara Bremerkamp, stenographer, born June 18, 1906.

Margaret Adelaide Bremerkamp, private secretary, born November 3, 1908.

Richard Ira Blossom was married to Ruth Rosoland Flick May 4, 1915. To them were born five children:

Richard Flick Blossom, born August 4, 1916.

George Joseph Blossom, born June 10, 1918.
Donald Blossom, born June 23, 1920.
Robert Blossom, born October 20, 1925.
Richard Junior Blossom, born November 10, 1928.

LYMAN RUGG BLOSSOM

Lyman R. Blossom, farmer, Civil War Soldier, was born December 1, 1842 and died December 1, 1928. (He enlisted in the army with the 47th regiment Ind. Volunteers. He participated in the battle of Champion Hill, the engagement against Vicksburg, the Red River expedition, and the contests at Fort Spanish and Mobile, Alabama.) He was first married on December 5, 1866, to Emma Jane Hill, who was born September 7, 1842, and died February 1, 1873. To this union were born four children: Violet Ann Blossom, who was born September 13, 1867 and died September 20, 1910; Omar Hill Blossom, Educator, who was born December 5, 1868 (at present in the Marion, Indiana, City Schools. B. S. Degree Tri-State College, A. B. Degree Indiana University, Graduate Work, Wisconsin University); Braton Reckard Blossom who was born October 30, 1870 and died September 1, 1884; and Macy Leander Blossom who was born August 9, 1872 and died January 18, 1873.

Violet A. Blossom was married on January 20, 1887 to Thomas S. Perkins who was born January 22, 1858. To this union were born three children: Hugh Victor Perkins, Educator, born January 22, 1891, (at present in the Cleveland Heights, Ohio, City Schools. A. B. Degree Wooster College, A. M. Degree, Columbia University); Estella Margaret Perkins, Educator, born July 7, 1892, (at present in the Wiloughby, Ohio, City Schools, A. B. Indiana Teachers' College and A. M. Degree, Wisconsin University); Olive Blossom Perkins, Educator, born January 16, 1897 (at present in the Ft. Wayne, Indiana City Schools. A. B. Degree Indiana Teachers' College, graduate work, Middlebury College); Hugh V. Perkins was married on June 28, 1917 to Frances Adams, who was born May 14, 1890. To this union have been born three children: Hugh Victor Perkins, born June 9, 1918; Thomas Marion Perkins, born June 21, 1920; and Dorothy Adams Perkins born July 25, 1925.

Omar H. Blossom was first married on June 20, 1895, to Maude Myrtle Kepler, who was born November 30, 1868, and died September 14, 1924. They had one son: Brooks Kepler Blossom, Educator, born Nov. 3, 1904 (at present

M. Emma

in the North Adams, Mass., City High School. A. B. Degree from University of Chicago, and A. M. Degree from Harvard University.) Omar H. Blossom's second marriage was on June 28th, 1928, to Gertrude Hinshaw, who was born July 23, 1875. *d. Aug 11, 1935*

Lyman R. Blossom's second marriage was on January 22, 1874, to Electa Thankful Sheets, who was born August 26, 1849. To this union were born six children: Maggie Dona Blossom, who was born November 23, 1874 and died January 29, 1878; Ada Louisa Blossom, born February 13, 1876; Alida Mary Blossom, who was born March 29, 1879 and died May 9, 1918; Franklin Columbus Blossom, Railroad worker, was born July 27, 1880; Arilla Loretta Blossom, born August 13, 1882; and Purl Rugg Blossom, Railroad worker, was born July 28th, 1884. *d. Oct 21, 1932*

died Sept 2, 1936
Ada L. Blossom was married on March 3, 1898, to James S. Stogdill, Carpenter, who was born December 14, 1873. They had one son: Ralph Orlando Stogdill, Insurance Business, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, who was born April 2, 1899. He was married on August 25, 1927 to Lois Alien Abbott, who was born March 24, 1903.

Alida M. Blossom was married on November 26, 1903 to Harvey F. Lammiman who was born August 27, 1878. One son was born to them: Don Blossom Lammiman, Salesman, Chicago, Illinois, who was born February 10, 1906.

died July 22, 1933
Frank C. Blossom was married on February 8, 1903, to Bertha Elsin Lusk, who was born August 2, 1877. To this union one son was born: Lyman Russel Blossom, who was born December 28, 1909. Other children died in infancy.

Arilla L. Blossom was married on November 28, 1901 to Furman F. Burkhardt, Farmer, who was born February 14, 1880 and died March 30, 1916. To this union one daughter was born: June Blossom Burkhardt, born June 11, 1902, who married on June 21, 1923, ~~to~~ Albert F. Beineke, Farmer, who was born March 18, 1902. To this union have been born two children: Phyllis June Beineke, born June 18, 1925 and Jack Frederick Beineke, born April 5, 1927. *& Alice Ann Nov 4, 1932*

died Oct 2, 1932
Purl R. Blossom was married on September 4, 1910 to Anna May Kling, who was born November 14, 1886.

JOHN MONROE BLOSSOM

John M. Blossom, farmer and Civil War soldier was born February 1, 1844 and died December 24, 1927. He enlisted in the army with the 47th Regiment, Indiana Volunteers.

He participated in the battle of Champion Hill, the engagement against Vicksburg, the Red River expedition, and contests at Ft. Spanish and Mobile, Ala. He was married to Rachel E. Rice of Monmouth, Ind., who was born April 21, 1846, and died August 30, 1898. They had four children: James Ansel, born September 10, 1867; Benjamin F., born February 5, 1869, and John C., born June 30, 1872, all of whom are still living. The sister, Ocie D., born May 30, 1880, died at the age of eleven years, September 8, 1891.

James Ansel Blossom, (the only living descendant named Ansel), Carpenter and contractor, born September 10, 1867 at Decatur, Ind. Married March 5, 1894 at Decatur, Ind., to Minnie May Martz, who was born June 18, 1875, near Monroe, Indiana. To this union were born Elta Arvilla Blossom, December 3, 1894, at Monroe, Indiana; James Roe Blossom, September 16, 1896, at Monroe, Indiana; Gerald Martz Blossom, August 25, 1901, at Monroe, Indiana; Blanche Adella Blossom, September 1, 1903, at Newcastle, Indiana; and George H. Blossom, November 5, 1907, at Quincy, Ohio.

Elta Arvilla Blossom was married June 3, 1914, at Ottawa, Ohio, to LeRoy Wheeler Strauser, Jeweler-Optician, who was born October 19, 1887, at Weston, Ohio. To them was born one son, Eugene LeRoy Strauser, September 16, 1918, at Bowling Green, Ohio.

James Roe Blossom, mechanic, was married February 14, 1917, at Ottawa, Ohio, to Irene Margaret Ward, who was born September 4, 1896, at Ottawa, Ohio. To this union three sons were born: Robert LeRoy Blossom, June 20, 1918, at Ottawa, Ohio; John Lawrence Blossom, February 1, 1920, at Ottawa, Ohio; and Harold Raymond Blossom, February 23, 1923, at Ottawa, Ohio.

Gerald Martz Blossom, Accountant, married September 14, 1927, at Tiffin, Ohio, to Bess Evalyn Willoughby, who was born September 19, 1904, at Upper Sandusky, Ohio. One son, Herbert Elroy Blossom, was born September 4, 1928, at Tiffin, Ohio.

Blanche Adella Blossom was married October 2, 1923 at Ottawa, Ohio, to Alva H. Schomaeker, Blacksmith, who was born December 21, 1895, at Grandorf, Ohio.

George H. Blossom, U. S. District Court Clerk, unmarried.

Benjamin F. Blossom, of Cincinnati, Ohio, the second son of John M. and Rachel E. Blossom was married February 14, 1894, to Minnie E. Lee of Adams County, who died De-

ember 23, 1916. They had two children: Harley E., Born November 14, 1894, who lived but 20 days; Greta Fern, born April 21, 1899, who is still single and a registered nurse living with her father in Cincinnati, Ohio.

John C. Blossom, Teacher, Physician, Richmond, Ind. (B. S. Degree Tri-State College, M. D. Degree, University of Louisville), the third son of John M. and Rachel E. Blossom was married to Arville Aspy, August 3, 1896. To them were born four children: Ruth O., born January 1, 1898; Lawrence, who was born July 23, 1899, and died October 31, 1900; Vera M., born September 30, 1901, and Paul W., born June 22, 1903.

Ruth Olean, graduate of Earlham College, eldest daughter of John C. and Arvilla A. Blossom was married May 2, 1925 to John Paul Heironimus, Ph. D., Asst. Professor of Classics, University of Wisconsin. She has one daughter, Lois Ellen, born July 13, 1926.

Vera Margaret, second daughter of John C. and Arvilla A. Blossom, graduated from Bethesda Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, and is a registered nurse in Cincinnati. She was married to Lowell K. Kinsey, December 10, 1920, and has two children, Keith and Rachel S.

Paul Wright Blossom (attended Earlham College; M. D. Degree University of Cincinnati; Physician, Richmond, Ind.) the only son of John C. and Arvilla, was married to Harriett Farquhar of Willmington, Ohio, July 23, 1928. They had one son who died in infancy, and a daughter, Patricia Ann, who was born May 17, 1932.

JEREMIAH ANSEL BLOSSOM

Jeremiah Ansel Blossom, clerk, was born December 28, 1846 and died August 17, 1917. He was married to Naomi R. Kern in January, 1874. She was born November 22, 1851 and died March 12, 1912. From this union four children were born.

Dallas E. Blossom, in sheet metal and plumbing business, in Manilla, Philippine Islands, was born February 21, 1875.

Wilson A. Blossom, government clerk, Washington, D. C. Born October 10, 1877. He was married to Bertha M. Johnson, January 17, 1912. She was born December 29, 1881.

Estella H. Blossom, Indianapolis, Indiana, was born November 19, 1879, was married October 18, 1904 to Chas. P. Pedigo, now employed at Polk Sanitary Milk Co. He was

born September 29, 1879. From this union one child was born: John Charles Pedigo, born November 19, 1911. Attending Butler College.

Roy E. Blossom, Indianapolis, Indiana, salesman, was born on March 26, 1882. He was married to Daisy Davenport, June 24, 1914.

SARAH ELIZABETH (BLOSSOM) PETERSON

Sarah Elizabeth Blossom was born March 7, 1848, and died May 22, 1875. She was married to Henry C. Peterson, Lawyer, Auburn, Indiana, January 2, 1867. To this union were born three daughters: Nancy Jane Peterson, teacher, now of Auburn, Indiana, was born May 25, 1868, and was married to Price D. West, Lawyer and Banker, June 19, 1906. Mr. West died in 1913.

The second daughter, Kate Blanche Peterson, was born June 28, 1870, and died February 23, 1901. She was married to J. D. Hoffman of Lafayette, Indiana, June 16, 1898.

The third daughter, Jessie Annice Peterson, Teacher, was born October 17, 1873 and died at Auburn, Indiana, July 7, 1924.

MARY CATHERINE (BLOSSOM) GRAHAM

Mary Blossom, born August 7, 1849, died May 24, 1881. She was married to William Graham, April 10, 1870. He died April 6, 1924. To this union were born six children, three dying in infancy:

Benj. Franklin Graham, born January 1, 1874.

Rhena B. Graham, born February 3, 1873.

Lewis A. Graham, born October 2, 1871.

Rhena B. Graham was married to Vincent Pease, October 24, 1891 and died August 1, 1895. No children.

Lewis A. Graham was married to Ella M. Hendricks, September 24, 1893. She died February 25, 1906. To this union were born four children:

Gladys M. Graham born March 23, 1895.

Harold R. Graham, born October 16, 1896.

Creighton Graham born January 22, 1899 and died December 22, 1900.

Gretchen F. Graham born July 14, 1905.

Harold R. Graham was married to Mary Crumm, April 3, 1919.

Gretchen F. Graham was married to M. F. Clifford,

March 31, 1925. To this union one child was born, Eugene Lewis Clifford, November 23, 1926.

Gladys M. Graham was married to L. T. Clearer, June 29, 1931.

Lewis A. Graham of Decatur, Indiana, was married for the second time to Leona DeVoss, June 10, 1907. No children.

Benj. F. Graham married Nancy E. Bright, September 24, 1894. Nancy died April 24, 1897. To this union were born two children:

Lulu, born January 25, 1895.

Raymond, born July 8, 1896.

Benj. F. Graham was married, for a second time, to Lizzie Mae Halmert, December 17, 1899. To this union four children were born:

Nellie, born October 20, 1900.

William F., born November 29, 1903.

LeRoy A., born September 26, 1916.

Gerald E., born November 7, 1918.

Lulu Graham married Lewis J. Barnett, December 16, 1916. Two children were born, Algia Louise, September 10, 1919, and Richard, March 29, 1922.

Raymond Graham married Audra Bahn, February 8, 1918. Three children were born: Evelyn Jane, March 3, 1919; Gene Harley, June 18, 1921; and Paul Harrison, July 31, 1924.

ELIZA JANE (BLOSSOM) PETERSON

Eliza J. Blossom was born February 24, 1852 and died March 18, 1930. Her marriage on October 27, 1870, was to Sylvester W. Peterson who was born October 5, 1851 and died February 7, 1932. To this union were born five children: Henry Clay Peterson who was born June 12, 1871 and died August 14, 1931; Maggie Loretta Peterson, born August 3, 1872; Robert Smith Peterson, born Nov. 11, 1873; Frank Sheldon Peterson, born April 2, 1876; Charles Ansel Peterson, born July 25, 1877.

Maggie L. Peterson was married Dec. 26, 1900, to Silas E. Whitman who died November 21, 1928. To this union was born one child, Charles William Whitman, born February 8, 1917.

Robert S. Peterson was married October 19, 1901, to Lillian Noll, who was born September 9, 1878. To this

union six children were born: Harry Noll Peterson, born July 3, 1902; George John Peterson, born December 9, 1903; Paul Robert Peterson, born August 31, 1908; Gertrude Blossom Peterson, born April 24, 1911; Gladys Pauline Peterson, born May 4, 1913; Ruby Mildred Peterson, born November 22, 1915.

Harry N. Peterson was married October 14, 1924 to Olga May Underwood who was born April 12, 1907. To this union were born four children; Lillian Maude Peterson, born April 18, 1925; Paul Laverne, born June 12, 1928; LeRoy Edward, born March 11, 1930; Richard Eugene Peterson, born March 27, 1931.

George J. Peterson was married November 22, 1928 to Dorothy Ruth Thompson who was born November 13, 1909. To this union was born one child, Roberta Lou Peterson, born January 13, 1930.

Gertrude B. Peterson was married July 5, 1930 to Erwin Juergens who was born January 18, 1909. To this union one child was born, April 5, 1931.

Frank S. Peterson was married October 19, 1901 to Elizabeth Leyse who was born February 24, 1880. To this union seven children were born: Merrill S. Peterson, born June 19, 1902; Omar Victor Peterson, born October 5, 1903; Wayne Edward Peterson, born March 1, 1906; Hazel Gertrude Peterson who was born October 31, 1908 and died April 9, 1929; Isabel Blossom Peterson, born April 17, 1911; Elizabeth Jane Peterson, born July 7, 1913; Norma Ruth Peterson, born September 7, 1923.

Merrill S. Peterson was married June 14, 1930 to Francis Schneider who was born April 29, 1902. To this union one child was born, Max Peterson, April 11, 1931.

Omar V. Peterson was married November 12, 1929 to Vidabelle Johnson who was born March 19, 1910.

Hazel G. Peterson was married September 8, 1928 to Howard Bowman who was born January 23, 1902. To this union one child was born, Phylis Jane Bowman, who was born April 8, 1929.

Isabel B. Peterson was married April 20, 1929 to Laverne Bowman, who was born November 2, 1904. To this union one child was born, Joan Bowman, born December 17, 1929.

Charles A. Peterson was married August 26, 1901 to Maud T. Fuller who was born November 15, 1883. To this

union were born five children: Cal Fuller Peterson, born December 2, 1902; Beatrice Elizabeth Peterson, born July 14, 1904; Thelma Eliza Peterson, born February 23, 1905; Dorothy Mildred Peterson, who was born September 10, 1907, died February 26, 1931; Ralph Carroll Peterson, born September 3, 1918.

Cal F. Peterson was married December 1, 1924 to Edna L. Neukom who was born December 8, 1903. To this union two children were born: Cal Merlin Peterson, born May 19, 1925; Charles Melville Peterson, born February 13, 1927.

Beatrice E. Peterson was married October 27, 1923 to Eugene N. Melchi who was born May 19, 1902. To this union four children were born: Eugene Junior Melchi, born August 4, 1924; Manford Lee Melchi, born January 8, 1926; Bonnie Lou Melchi, born December 11, 1928; Max Edson Melchi, born July 4, 1930.

Thelma E. Peterson was married November 15, 1924 to Lynn V. Shirk who was born September 24, 1903. To this union one child was born, Jack Burton Shirk, born November 12, 1925.

Dorothy M. Peterson was married April 27, 1929 to Clifford E. Oechsle who was born November 2, 1907.

CLARA LORETTA (BLOSSOM) CAMPBELL

Clara Loretta Blossom was born in Decatur, April 10, 1854 and died April 26, 1928. She was united in marriage to William Cary Campbell who was born September 12, 1851 and died January 10, 1921. To this union were born eight children: Iva, Grace, Sylvester, Milo, Lloyd, Erman, Effie, and True.

Iva Alvada Campbell, born September 24, 1875, died in her youth of typhoid fever.

Effie Campbell, born April 30, 1891, died October 27, 1892.

Grace married A. D. Burkett, Methodist Minister, of Berne, Indiana. She died thirteen years ago. She was the mother of two sons: Merrill, who died a year after his mother; and Luther, who graduated from Iowa State College and is now in the Government Forest Service in Lassen National Forest, California.

Sylvester Franklin Campbell, born May 9, 1879, married Eliza Ann Erickson on November 22, 1900, who died December 17, 1911. There were born to this union five children: George Leora Campbell, Theodore, Dwight, Hoyt, and Darce. He married Julia Tinkham in April, 1913. Sylves-

ter died at Hillsdale, Michigan, May 29, 1926, after being accidentally run over by a freight car. Georgia Leora Campbell was born August 22, 1901 and married Morris Mummaw November 24, 1920. To this union were born four children: Merrill, born September 12, 1921; Phillip, born September 26, 1922 and died January 1, 1924; Dicky Don, born March 12, 1926; and Lucille, born February 12, 1928.

Theodore Alger Campbell, born March 13, 1903, married Helen Battenburg on February 19, 1922. To this union were born two children: Eleanor Leon Campbell, born October 27, 1926; Doris Jean Campbell, born June 6, 1924.

Dwight William Campbell, born March 5, 1906, was married to Miriam Fuller on August 30, 1925. Hoyt Quentin Campbell was born January 17, 1909 and was united in marriage to Grace Ducey on June 29, 1929 and to this union was born one child: Patty Lou, born on February 21, 1931.

Darce Delson Campbell, born on July 5, 1911, was united in marriage to Ruth Rough on July 4, 1931. To this union was born one son, Jimmie, born May 4, 1932.

William Milo Campbell, Elkhart, Indiana, was born March 27, 1881 and was united in marriage to Lela Massey on February 11, 1905. To this union were born nine children: Virgil, Edith, Opal, Dale, Ernest, Wayne, Genevieve, William and Dean.

Virgil Wade Campbell, Electrician, born November 12, 1905, was united in marriage to Christina Knox.

Edith LaVaughn Campbell, born July 27, 1907, was united in marriage to Zeidonne Schiltz. To this union were born two children: Lela Marie, born February 11, 1929, and Richard Zeidonne, born October 9, 1930.

Opal Campbell, born September 9, 1910, was united in marriage to Paul Crouch. To this union was born one child, Filyce Christine, born October 5, 1929.

Dale Burnell Campbell was born January 19, 1913.

Ernest Ray Campbell was born May 20, 1915.

Wayne Eugene Campbell was born November 30, 1919.

Genevieve Juanita Campbell was born May 9, 1924.

William Merrill Campbell was born September 2, 1927.

William Dean Campbell was born December 15, 1929.

Lloyd Blossom Campbell, Teacher, born on September 28, 1885, was married to Florence Rebecca Hettler on April 2, 1908. To this union were born five children: Estella,

Norma, Madonna, Phillip, and Walter Dale. Lloyd died May 22, 1924. Estella Campbell, born January 25, 1909, is now teaching school. Norma Loretta Campbell, born June 22, 1910, is now employed as bookkeeper at Muncie, Indiana. Sarah Madonna Campbell, born October 11, 1912, is now employed in Indianapolis, Indiana. Phillip Cary Campbell, born August 15, 1917, is employed at Greenfield, Indiana. Walter Dale Campbell was born on May 21, 1923.

Erma Dale Campbell married Leota Burke of Wabash, Indiana. He died March 4, 1920. They had two children, Margaret Alice and Erman Dale, Jr. Their mother, Leota, is married to A. D. Burkett, husband of Grace. He is a minister in the North Indiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Wilson True Campbell was born on May 23, 1896. He served with the armed forces of the United States during the World War. He was united in marriage to Netha Alice Wiest of Chicago, Illinois, on March 28, 1920. To this union were born three children: Jean Alice, who was born July 16, 1921 and died February 18, 1923; Grace Laura Campbell, born on April 7, 1923; Wilson Earl Campbell, born November 5, 1925. Wilson True Campbell has been employed for the past ten years as Paymaster and Cost-accountant for the R. F. Conway Co. of Chicago, Illinois.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BLOSSOM

Benjamin Franklin Blossom, Carpenter, was born April 12, 1856. He was married October 3, 1883 to Melvina Belle Shook who was born September 16, 1864. To this union were born seven children: Edna Gail Blossom, Educator, graduate of Michigan State Teachers' College, at present in the schools of Long Beach, California, born July 30, 1884; Harry Shook Blossom, Physician, M. D. Degree of University of Michigan, at present a hospital physician in California, born September 12, 1886; Lyle Franklin Blossom, (twin) Carpenter, born September 19, 1888; Letha Fern Blossom, (twin) born September 19, 1888 and died February 22, 1889; Lyman Ralph Blossom, Mail Carrier, World War Veteran, born October 2, 1893; Mabel Belle Blossom, born July 27, 1896; and Benjamin Ferris Blossom, Banker, World War Veteran, born May 31, 1900.

Harry S. Blossom was married October 14, 1914, to Abbie Evelyn Copeman, who was born June 22, 1890. To this union have been born two daughters: Anabel Janet Blos-

som, born November 7, 1916; and Kathryn Marie Blossom, born August 26, 1918.

Lyle F. Blossom was married December 24, 1914 to Ruth H. Ensign who was born June 22, 1894. To this union has been born one daughter: Veryl Gail Blossom, born September 15, 1917.

L. Ralph Blossom was married June 14, 1920 to Georgia May Ensign who was born May 10, 1890. To this union has been born one son: Eugene Franklin Blossom.

Mabel B. Blossom was married December 1, 1917, to Ray Winfred Longfield, Salesman, who was born May 2, 1893. To this union have been born two daughters: Mildred Gail Longfield, born February 27, 1920; and Phyllis Gwendolyn Longfield, born February 19, 1929.

B. Ferris Blossom was married July 11, 1923 to Lura Melvina Cole, who was born March 9, 1900. To this union have been born two children: Marjorie Lura Blossom, born December 21, 1925; and Robert Cole Blossom, born August 9, 1927.

MERCY ANN (BLOSSOM) ANDREWS

Mercy Ann Blossom Andrews, born September 24, 1860. She died January 9, 1909. She was married to Robert A. Andrews, who was born June 22, 1853. He died October 16, 1930. To this union were born ten children: Luly Vesta Andrews, born June 3, 1880, died October 3, 1884; an infant son, born March 22, 1882, died March 22, 1882; Arden Franklin Andrews, born May 12, 1883, farmer in Canada; Clemma A. Andrews, born October 7, 1885, died May 7, 1887; Roy Ansel Andrews, born Dec. 7, 1887, real estate, Muskegon, Michigan; Eliza Myrtle Andrews, born September 11, 1889; Benjamin Monroe Andrews, born November 13, 1891, died December 3, 1907; Charles Christopher Andrews, born July 6, 1895, laborer, Muskegon, Michigan; William Sylvester Andrews, born November 30, 1896, electrician, Angola, Indiana; Infant, born March 15, 1900, died March 15, 1900.

Arden F. Andrews was first married to Sylva Ellen Ray, December 20, 1902. She was born October 25, 1884. She died October 19, 1906. To this union were born two children: Lela Marie Andrews, born March 29, 1904, died October 15, 1906; an infant son, born October 10, 1906 and died October 20, 1906.

Roy Andrews was married October 7, 1906 to Goldie Lusk, who was born March 6, 1884. To this union three

children were born: Velma Andrews, born August 19, 1909, nurse; Dorothy Andrews, born September 11, 1913; Robert R. Andrews, born February 12, 1923.

Eliza Myrtle Andrews, was married December 24, 1909 to Roy McDaniel who was born August 19, 1884. To this union four daughters were born: Eva Winifred McDaniel, born April 16, 1910; Dorma Edythe McDaniel, born March 21, 1916; Martha Gene McDaniel, born March 23, 1925; Charlotte Ileen McDaniel, born February 11, 1929.

Eva McDaniel was married to Donald Burkhardt, March 7, 1928.

Christopher Andrews was married to Hazel Baxter October 5, 1924.

William Sylvester Andrews was married to June McDaniel, March 6, 1918. To this union one son was born: Warren Leonard Andrews, born August 29, 1922.

The fourth son of Ansel Blossom was Edward, born in Maine in 1808, who married and lived on a farm near Rockford, Ohio. He died before the Civil War and left one daughter by the name of Catherine. How long she lived and where she died the writer does not know.

The fifth son of Ansel Blossom was Joseph, born in Maine in 1809. He probably died young as no record is available.

The sixth son of Ansel Blossom was Ira A., born in Maine in 1814. This son appears to have been the favorite son of his parents since he lived with them on the old farm across the St. Mary's River from Willshire, Ohio, until their death in 1850.

The history of Van Wert County, Ohio, tells a thrilling story of this man, Ira A. Blossom, son of the pioneer. There was a dreadful scourge of cholera about 1851 in the little town of Willshire in which nearly every man in the town died and every home had its dead. This Ira Blossom and two other men formed themselves into a committee to bury the dead. By taking the best known precautions they escaped contracting the disease themselves. At one time they cremated the dead by burning the cabin since the entire family had died.

Ira Blossom was married to Rebecca Scoles and three

sons were born to this union, two of which died in youth. The other Andrew Ansel Blossom was born October 13, 1851 and died September 15, 1913. He was a farmer and was married September 18, 1887 to Harriet Frisinger, who was born October 25, 1860. To this union two daughters were born, Neola Mae and Hattie Fern. Fern was born January 15, 1892 and died December 2, 1926. She married J. Sherman Sell and they had a son named Gerald who was born February 1, 1918. Neola was born September 19, 1888 and was married to J. F. Ballinger, Railroader, June 15, 1910. There were three daughters: Vergil Fern, born March 28, 1911; Mary Aleen, born January 26, 1914; Harriet Jeanine, born October 30, 1926; and two sons, Lewis Blossom, born May 1, 1912, and J. F. Junior, who was born October 29, 1924 and died September 19, 1927.

Vergil Fern was married to Roy P. Keith, farmer, March 27, 1927. They have three children: Paul James, born November 8, 1927; Phyllis Joan born November 10, 1928; and Mary Catherine, born August 8, 1930.

Hattie Fern was married to Sherman Sell, Insurance Inspector, in January, 1915. One son, Gerald Vian, was born February 1, 1919.

The seventh son of Ansel Blossom was Cyrus Blossom. All that is known of him is that he went to the state of Iowa and remained there until his death. No doubt he left heirs that could be found in that state.

The eighth son of Ansel Blossom was James M. Blossom who was born in 1818 and died in 1891. In his youth he learned the tailor's trade in Piqua, Ohio, and later established himself in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, where he had a flourishing business as a merchant tailor. About 1845 or 1850 he emigrated to the state of Oregon in a covered wagon. He married and had at least one son, Robert, if not other children. It is known as late as 1905 that he had a daughter living in Portland, Oregon, where Robert lives also. So this makes James M. Blossom the ancestor of our Oregon relatives.

The ninth and youngest son of Ansel Blossom was John Chandler Blossom, Farmer, Rockford, Ohio, who was born in 1821 and died some time in the eighties. He married Sarah Hartzog. Their children were: Benjamin Franklin,

William, Miles S., Frederick, Emma Jane, John, Charles, Jesse, Nancy Elizabeth.

Benjamin Franklin Blossom, Farmer, Rockford, Ohio, married Frances Eaken. Their children were: Jesse Oral, Nellie Pearl, Bertha Ethel, Harry Albert, Earl, Sarah Leota, Lilliah, Benjamin Franklin.

Jesse Oral Blossom married Barbara Eiler and a child, Eva, was born. Jesse later married Margaret Hawkins.

Eva Blossom married LeRoy Glossett, and their child was Arland LeRoy.

Nellie Pearl Blossom married Clifford C. Stone.

Harry Blossom, Electrician, Ohio City, Ohio, married Josephine Montgomery. Their children were: Olive Gertrude, Margaret Sophia, Kent Montgomery and Mary Louise.

Olive Gertrude Blossom married Franklin Bandeen.

Margaret Sophia Blossom married Cloyce Vernon Donnell.

Albert Blossom married Ora Ethel Sickle and a child, Helen, was born.

Helen Blossom married Glenn Peckhart.

Sarah Leota Blossom married Frederick M. Van Tilbury and their children were: Carl Arthur, Robert Blossom, Marjorie, Don, Betty Levon, Tommy Lee and Francis Joan.

Benjamin Franklin Blossom married Floris Swartz and a child, Edith Lowell, was born.

Emma Jane Blossom married Warren Felver and a child, Minor Blossom, was born.

Minor Blossom Felver married Ruth Fairservice.

Of the two daughters of Ansel Blossom, the one, Bertha, was born in Maine and married a man by the name of Miller who lived and died in Wells County, near Bluffton, Indiana. Mary, the other daughter, was born in Ohio and was married late in life to a man named Hartzog who lived and died near Rockford, Ohio.

The Writer's knowledge of these two daughters is very limited and he has no knowledge of their heirs, if there were any.

While Ansel Blossom lived in Maine, he was a school teacher and he became a farmer only after he settled in Ohio. His descendants can be found in many of the professions and in nearly every state in the Union as well as in some foreign countries.

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